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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

According to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)

Sir:

15 In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and the  
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**REMARKS**

The attached PTO 1449 form lists prior art references identified in the International Search Report and other relevant art, copy of which is enclosed herewith.

5	AA	U.S. Patent 4,467,443
	AB	U.S. Patent 5,307,321
	AE	International application WO 95/22791
	AF	European reference EP 0 217 232 A1
	AM	H. P. Messmer, "PC-Hardwaarebuch", 5. Auflage, Addison-Wesley, (1997), pages 55, 56
10	AN	Intel, "Microprocessor and Peripheral Handbook, Volume 1, Microprocessor (1988) page 4-121

**EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

References AA, AB, AE, and AF were cited in the International Search Report. References AA, AB, AE, and AN are in English, so no further commentary on their teachings is required. References AF and AM are in German. Reference AM discusses the memory segmentation and addressing scheme of the Intel 80x86 CPU. Reference AF discusses a circuit arrangement for splitting addresses in a data block. An English translation of the abstract of AF has been provided. A translation of the full text of references AF and AM will be provided to the Examiner upon request.

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